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GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT

The City Thronged With Delegates From All Parts of the State.

Will Meet Next Year at Brookfield, May 15th and 16th.

The G. A. R. veterans poured in on every train from Tuesday morning, to Thursday the last day. The regular west bound afternoon train brought about seventy-five, and the special from St. Louis about two hundred and fifty more. The Booneville train brought about forty and the Kansas City train carried a special coach from Joplin. Wednesday the morning trains each way were crowded with veterans, and the Santa Fe and Wabash contributed their quota from across the river.

The Woman's Relief Corps arrived Tuesday afternoon and took up its headquarters at the Elks' Home. The Blair, Ransom, and Hassendubel posts of St. Louis were all strongly represented, the first having its headquarters at the Nickell Home.

Among the eminent persons present at the first session were:

Department commander Frank E. Sterritt, Assistant Adj. Rodgers, St. Louis; Major Gen. Peter J. Osterhaus, Belleville, Ill.; Post Dept. Commander Whitehead, Kansas City; Past National Commander Rasseuer, St. Louis; Past National Commander Warner, Kansas City; Past Dept. Commander Henry, Kansas City; P. D. Chaplain Hagerty, St. Louis; P. D. Com. Martin, Brookfield; P. D. Com. Benecke, Brunswick; Archibald Carr, Com. Lyon Post 2, St. Louis; E. S. Jewett, Kansas City; Mesdames Frances Van Slyke, Dept. Pres.; Sarah B. Stridger, Dept. Sec'y; Emma Klinefelter, Carrie R. Sparglin, ch. World's Fair Com. Woman's Relief Corps; Adm. B. McDaniell, Dept. Press. correspondent; Julia Hergengerge, candidate for Department President; and Mrs. Nettler, of Brookfield. These ladies are of the Relief Corps.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The initial session of the G. A. R. encampment was called to order at the Opera house at 10 o'clock by Department Commander Sterritt. After an eloquent prayer by the chaplain, the chairman appointed a committee to escort Major General Peter J. Osterhaus to the platform. He was introduced by the chairman and by Past Dept. Commander Rasseuer. Gen. Osterhaus spoke briefly and was cheered to the echo. At the conclusion of his speech the chaplain presented him with a cane cut on the battle field of Wilson Creek, inland with wood of several kinds out from the field of Gettysburg and with a tassel made from weapons destroyed by Marmaduke and dumped into the Osage river.

M. L. Studdard, Commander of Mulligan Post, welcomed the Department in a brief speech. Mayor Winkler followed with a welcome in behalf of the city. John Welborn welcomed the department in behalf of the citizens at large, the Confederates the boys in blue, and the "foragers." Past Department Commander, Leo Rasseuer responded to the various welcomes in a pleasing speech; after which the meeting went into executive session.

MAYOR WINKLER'S ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri:

In behalf of our citizens I extend to you a most sincere welcome for the honor conferred upon Lexington and her people by your twenty-third annual encampment. For this your first encampment with us we wish to show our appreciation in doing all in our power for your comfort and your pleasure. The call extended to our people by the Mulligan Post for their reception was answered alike by men who wore the blue and men who wore the gray in the memorable years from 1861 to 1865. Numerous citizens who are prominent in your entertainment are of Confederate fame, and they extend to you their respects in acknowledgement of their valor in living for our country and our destiny. Their

houses are opened to you with that true American spirit of gracious good will that you may accept their hospitality and realize a welcome. They believe you to be as loyal to friendship as you have been to your country, and for this opportunity to meet you they are sincerely thankful. The liberties of the city are extended to you and the whole people place themselves at your command.

We extend to you an apology for the wrecked and ruined appearance of our streets, and we beg you to allow our intentions to forgive the deed in trying to repair the places caused by your instruments of war in 1861.



MRS. MARGARET W. VAN METER.
Dept. President of L. of G. A. R.

The ruin wrought by your shot and shell are yet to be seen and you should be proud of the glory of marching the same old streets and seeing the same old mud holes with here and there an old canteen to remind you of the past. These mud holes in our streets are cherished by a few of our people as mementoes of their pocket books and of their opposition to improvements, and but for the delay caused for the sake of that memorial you would have been given the opportunity of free passage on improved thoroughfares.

We sincerely regret the street conditions, Grand Army of the Republic, for your sake, for we see you now wearing the gray of years as a crown of glory upon the throne of honor. For your memorable deeds in the past, the bright pages that you have added to the history of our nation by your loyalty to your country and your grand example of American patriotism which has won for you glorious fame brings to you our every consideration. And we feel justly proud of this opportunity of extending to you our thanks for your presence.

We have too the distinguished honor of the presence of Mrs. Belinda S. Bailey, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, from San Francisco, for this honor we wish to show sincere appreciation.

I now have the honor of introducing to you the silver-tongued orator of Lexington, the Honorable John Welborn, whose splendid oratory cheers his every listener and will remind you of the glory won by you in defense of the flag of our nation.

THE PARADE.

According to the program the G. A. R. parade formed on Main street and marched to the various educational institutions of the city where cordial reception was given. At the High School the boys and girls sang America. Major William Warner addressed them in a short speech. Mrs. Maude Hays of Kansas City then presented the High School a large flag—the gift of the Woman's Relief Corps. Superintendent Phillips made a happy response to Major Warner's address and a graceful acknowledgment of the gift of the flag.

The veterans then took up their march to Central College where the whole College family came out to give them warm welcome. President Smith spoke of the historic battle of which the College hill was the center and he invited the veterans together or singly go over the grounds, trace out the old rifle pits and breastworks and, if they liked, go through the College buildings. Response was made by Past Dept. Commander Leo Rasseuer of St. Louis, after which the school sang America, in which the

old soldiers joined. Commander Rasseuer then introduced Gen. Peter J. Osterhaus, hero of Pea Ridge, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain and Sherman's march to the sea. General Osterhaus spoke briefly.

From Central College the veterans marched to the Wentworth Military Academy, where Judge Charles G. Burton, of Nevada, representing the G. A. R., addressed the cadets in an eloquent and forceful speech. He was responded to in brief and appropriate words by Col. Sellers, superintendent of the Academy. The cadets then gave some exhibition drills, battalion drill, dress parade and sham battle for the entertainment of their visitors.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR G. A. R.

Wednesday evening the G. A. R. visitors were variously entertained. The Eagle Club gave a dance to which the visiting ladies and gentlemen were generally invited. The Ladies' Relief Corps held a reception at the Elks' Home, Day's Band gave an open air concert in the court house yard, and at the Opera House a highly interesting and diversified programme was rendered to an audience that taxed even the standing room. The programme given below contains the names of some of the best local talent in the arts represented, and the frequent and hearty encores testified to the enjoyment of the visitors.

Part First.

- 1—Overture - Stark's Orchestra
- 2—Selection.
- 3—Vocal Solo: "A Little Boy in Blue" - Morse
Master Carleton Coon.
- 4—Reading: "Just Commonplace" - Pauline Phelps
Miss Perle Shale.
- 5—Vocal Solo: Selected
Miss Ethel Gibbs.
- 6—Reading: "The Little God and Dickey" - Daskham
Miss Elliott Todhunter.
- 7—Two Songs:
a—"O Dry Those Tears" - Del Riego
(Violin obligato)
b—"I'm Wearing away to the Land o' Leal" - Foote
Mrs. Alfred Franklin Smith.

Part Second.

- 1—The Departure.
- 2—Dream of a Soldier.
- 3—Return Home.
- 4—The Spice of Life.
- 5—America.

THE DANCE.

One of the most enjoyable events of the G. A. R. Encampment was the dance given Wednesday night by the Eagles Club at their quarters on Broadway. The Hall, which is one of the largest in the city, was crowded with visiting delegates and local friends of the lodge. Stark's orchestra furnished the music.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

The session opened at 10 a. m. with Commander Sterritt in the chair. Department Chaplain T. J. Ferrill offered prayer. Col. R. T. Van Horn, who came to see his comrades of the Battle of Lexington, was present and made a short speech. It was his 80th birthday.

Various reports were received and adopted.

Col. F. W. Cloud, hero of Prairie Grove, was introduced and briefly addressed the comrades. The arrival of the Gen. John C. Black, Commander-in-chief of the National G. A. R., was announced. He was escorted to the platform and made an eloquent address of half an hour.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, resulting as follows:

Dept. Commander, Jerry T. Dew, of Kansas City; S. V. D. C., J. V. Martin, of Brookfield; J. V. D. C., John B. Burris, of Lexington; Chaplain, Rev. T. J. Ferrill, of Bowling Green; Dr. Edward Borch, of St. Louis was elected as medical examiner and Col. Thomas B. Rodgers of St. Louis, was appointed Ass't. Adj. and Q. M. General. All of these were installed by past Dept. Commander J. G. Barton.

The following were elected as Council of Administration, Ernst Ratte, Henry Fairback, Francis P.

Becker, F. L. Withaup and J. P. Tracy. They immediately met and organized. The following delegates were elected to the National Encampment, which takes place at Boston, Mass., Aug. 15, 1904: J. W. Moore, M. M. Rice, Hubert Munchrath, Dr. H. E. Robinson, G. W. Francis, G. A. Douglass, Ben Warner, Albion P. Pease, T. J. Haggerty, Geo. Hays, E. R. Bates, Sol. Boehm; alternates, Henry Evers, H. G. C. Dammer, C. C. Burge, F. L. Withaup, L. E. Carter, Edw. Borch, R. M. Griggs, R. M. Stewart, J. E. Decker, W. H. Womstead, Edw. Jansen, Chas. W. Barstow and Phillip Chaffin. Addresses were made by Judge Rasseuer and Maj. William Warner. After singing "Auld Lang Syne", the Encampment adjourned sine die.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY G. A. R.

Commander and Comrades of the Department of Missouri.

Your committee on resolutions respectfully submit the following:

An incident occurred on the line of march yesterday, worthy of mention. A confederate flag was displayed from the porch of a residence. The boys in blue looked at it with curiosity and interest as they marched by, but not with any disposition to disturb it. With equal interest they gazed at the white haired old ladies who sat beside it, and thought of the care with which they had treasured that relic of an interesting period in the history of our country, so as to preserve it for exhibition forty years after its use had ceased; and they thought of the mother's love which may have been entwined with its preservation, but they thanked the God of Battles, measured by the warm hearted generosity of their reception, that every citizen of Lexington joined with them in loyalty to one flag and to one country, and holding themselves a little more erect they marched on with a little firmer step, and the incident closed.

Be it resolved: that we tender our thanks to the people of Lexington and the comrades of Mulligan Post for their loyal welcome and generous hospitality. Our visit to their historic city has been one of continuous pleasure. We congratulate them upon the spirit of enterprise manifest on every hand, and especially upon their public schools and institutions of



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Dept. Inspector of L. of G. A. R.

learning, wherein their young manhood and womanhood are being trained and developed to the advancement of humanity, the perpetuity of the republic and the glory of God. With reverential devotion we stood upon College hill, dedicated years ago by the gallant Mulligan and his brave comrades to Liberty, Freedom and the Union; and with full hearts thanked the God of our Fathers that while the armed sentinel no longer paces its beats, still from its summit is heard the call, "twelve o'clock and all is well."

THURSDAY NIGHT CAMP FIRE.

The programme provided for the entertainment of the G. A. R. visitors Thursday night was as follows:

PROGRAMME.

PART FIRST.

1. Overture - Stark's Orchestra
2. Quartette—Far Away - Messrs. St. Clair, Taubman, Hix and Phillips.
3. Address—Judge Chas. G. Burton,

ex-Department Commander of Missouri.

4. Quartette—Kansas City Veteran's Quartette.

PART SECOND.

1. Four Seasons, and the Five Senses
2. Friendship, Love and Truth.
3. Faith, Hope and Charity.
4. The Spice of Life.
5. America.

Owing to indisposition, General Black was compelled to disappoint the audience. Major Rasseuer was absent, too, since the special train for the St. Louis delegates was scheduled to leave at 9 o'clock.

Both quartettes were heartily enjoyed.



MRS. EMMARETT FIELDS,
Dept. Counselor of L. of G. A. R.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

The Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic met in G. A. R. Hall, 8.30 a. m. May 18th, meeting called to order by Dept. Counselor Emmaret Fields. National President Belinda C. Bailey of San Francisco Cal., was present and reported having attended department conventions of California, Nevada, Nebraska, and through the West meeting with encouraging reports everywhere. The Order is in a fine and growing condition. Committees from G. A. R. and sons of veterans called and extended a hearty welcome to the auxiliary nearest to the hearts of the soldier.

THURSDAY'S SESSION L. of G. A. R.

Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic met Thursday morning, and after conducting routine business the National President, Belinda S. Bailey, conducted the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Department President, Emma Wood, Kansas City, Mo.

Department Senior Vice President, Sue B. Appal, Hannibal, Mo.

Department Junior Vice President, Annie E. Taylor, St. Joseph.

Department Treasurer, Emmaret Fields, Hannibal, Mo.

Department Chaplain, Mary A. White, St. Joseph, Mo.

Department Secretary, Olive D. Hofmaster, Kansas City, Mo.

Department Counselor, Margaret VanMeter, Lamar, Mo.

Council of Administration, Emma Douglass, Warrensburg, Mo.; Adele M. Crawford, St. Louis, Mo.; Jennette B. S. Neubert, Kansas City, Mo.

Installation of officers was conducted by Emma Douglass, Past Department President. Commander in Chief General Black and staff visited the convention and spoke very commendably of this order. Meeting then adjourned to meet in Brookfield, Mo., May 15, 1905.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The twentieth annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Missouri convened in the Elk's Club hall at 10.15 a. m. Wednesday. The meeting was opened with prayer by the department chaplain, Mrs. Cooper, of St. Charles, followed by singing of the opening ode. Then the department officers were introduced,—past department presidents, past department officers, past national presidents, past national officers and Trustee of the World's Fair fund.

Upon motion the morning session was made an open one. The senior vice president, Mrs. Arnold, was called to the chair while the president read her annual report, which was accepted. Then the following report were read, accepted, and referred: Of the Department Secretary, Mrs.

Sarah V. Stringer; of the Department Treasurer, Mrs. Laura Hutchison.

The president appointed a committee to hear greetings to the G. A. R., on courtesies; on greetings; on press report; on reception; on credentials.

The treasurers' report showed:

Cash on hand in general fund \$ 153.88

Cash on hand in Relief - 7.01

Total receipts for year - 1619.01

Total receipts for World's Fair fund - 2000.00

Total receipts for World's Fair fund department of Missouri - 600.40

A handsome bouquet was presented to the president by Mrs. Wagner, an aid on president's staff.

Greetings from absent members were read by Mrs. Kate Hamilton.

The convention then adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. in executive session.

At the afternoon session, the password was taken, the order of business was suspended to receive a committee from the local Camp Sons of Veterans. The Commander of Mulligan Post, M. L. Studdard, and the Junior vice-president of the M. J. Wm. Warner Camp Sons of Veterans each made brief addresses of welcome to the Ladies Relief Corps, which were responded to by Mrs. Cora Swartz, of Blair Corps.

Letters of greeting to absent officers and past officers were ordered to be sent.

The following reports were received: Press Correspondents, Chaplain Treasurer, Committee on Department Counselor, Auditing Committee, Senior Aids; upon motion the convention adjourned for an hour to attend the presentation of a flag given by them and presented by Mrs. Maude Hays of Kansas City, to the Public High School.

On resuming the session the report of various committees were received. Mrs. Cora Swartz presented to the department president a handsome gold badge set with diamonds, rubies and sapphires.

Mrs. Stringer, Department Secretary, presented to department president, Mrs. Van Slyke, a cut glass carver rest. The convention then adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY SESSION WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Convention was called to order at 9:45 a. m. by the president, Mrs. Van Slyke. General Osterhaus, Past Commander Leo Rasseuer and Comrade Evers called and were presented to the convention. General Osterhaus addressed the convention in praise of the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Henrietta Stiesmeyer responded in behalf of the corps. Major Rasseuer made an interesting talk, and was responded to by Mrs. Emily S. Parker.

Commander-in-chief General John C. Black, Comrade O'Connell, chief of staff, and O. B. Messer, inspector general, were announced and the order of business was suspended to receive them. General Black made an eloquent address, which was responded to by Mrs. Stiesmeyer.

A committee from the Grand Army was received, consisting of Comrades Kimball of St. Louis, Henry of Kansas City, and Martin of Brookfield. The greetings were presented by Comrade Martin and responded to by Mrs. Gibson. Speeches were also made by Comrades Henry and Kimball, responded to by Mrs. Hutchison of Willow Springs and Mrs. Carale B. Sparklin.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. Julia Hengelsberg, St. Louis.

Senior Vice President, Mrs. Lizzie Mason, Appleton City.

Junior Vice President, Miss Alice Sheets, Brookfield.

Treasurer, Mrs. Laura Hutchison.

Chaplain, Mrs. Frances Arnold, St. Joseph.

Chairman Executive Board, Mrs. Frances H. D. VanSlyke. Members executive board, Mrs. Clara Keyes, Mountain Grove; Mrs. Emma Cooper, St. Charles; Mrs. Catherine Miller, St. Louis; Mrs. Catherine Funk, Maryville.

Delegate at Large, Mrs. Sarah V. Stringer, St. Louis. Delegates, Mrs. Concluded on fourth page